

# Suffering Is Never for Nothing

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## *Chapter 2: The Message*

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### Discussion Questions

1. C.S. Lewis said, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world” (p. 19). How specifically has God gotten your attention recently?
2. “God is big enough to take anything that we can dish out to Him” (p. 21). Do you think complaining to God is right or wrong? Why?
3. The wisdom of Job's friends was well-intentioned . . . but unhelpful. What is the worst advice someone has given you in suffering? What is the best? Discuss: how can you ensure you that you speak wise words to those that are suffering?
4. “God, through my own troubles and sufferings, has not given me explanations. But He has met me as a person, as an individual, and that’s what we need.” (p. 23). Share some ways God has met you in your sorrow and suffering.
5. Consider this quote and discuss: “Every other religion, in some way, evades the question [of suffering]. Christianity has, at its very heart, this question of suffering.” How do you see suffering as being crucial to our faith and the gospel? How does that connect with your own suffering (and response to it)?
6. A young Elisabeth Elliot was taught about God’s presence in the pit by the account of Daniel (p. 27). What Scripture passages do you often revisit to solidify your confidence in God’s character?